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ANALYSIS OF DRV SAM ASSOCIATED MULTICHANNEL COMMS, INTERCEPTED BETWEEN 1324Z AND 1353Z, 20 JUL 67, HAS REVEALED A LAUNCH, AND REPORTED SHOOTDOWN OF ONE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT, BY THE SITE LOCATED AT 20-59N 105-56E. A SQUEAKER AT THE SITE, IN COMMS WITH THE SAM AIR DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS CONTROLLER, REPORTED THAT HE HAD A TARGET AT A RANGE OF 10.9 NM, WITH A SPEED OF 233 KTS AND AN ALTITUDE OF BETWEEN 1640 FT AND 2225 FT. AT 1326Z, THE CONTROLLER INSTRUCTED THE SITE TO QUERY THE TARGET AND JN IF IT WAS HOSTILE, STRIKE AT IT. THE SQUEAKER AT THE SITE ACKNOWLEDGED, AND AT 1326:25Z REPORTED THE LAUNCH OF ONE MISSILE, WHICH, AS HE REPORTED AT 1327Z, EXPLODED WELL, AND THAT THE TARGET WAS BURNING. SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION REVEALED THAT THE MISSILE WAS LAUNCHED WHEN THE TARGET, IDENTIFIED AS TWO AIRCRAFT, WAS AT A SHORT RANGE OF 10.9 NM, AN AZIMUTH OF 170 DEGREES, AND AN ALTITUDE OF 1640 FT, EXPLODING AT A RANGE OF 9.7 NM AND AN AZIMUTH OF 165 DEGREES. THE SQUEAKER AT THE SITE STATED THAT WE FIRED AT (A RANGE) OF 10.9 NM, AS THE ((19:58)3 -84-CRAFT) WAS COMING IN. AT (A RANGE) OF 9.2 NM THE (HOSTILE AIRCRAFT) SAW US FIRE AND TIRED TO LEAVE THE QUADRANT, BUT COULDN'T GET OUT OF THE AREA OF THE EXPLOSION UNQUOTE. AT 1327Z, ON DRV TACTICAL VOICEFACS, AN UNIDENTIFIED, RUSSIAN-SPEAKING CONTROLLER ASKED A SOVIET PILOT QUOTE YOU SAW THEM SHOOT IT DOWN, DID YOU SEE YOUR UNQUOTE, TO WHICH THE PILOT GAVE AN AFFIRMATIVE REPLY. COMMENT: ((19:54)3) (INFO AVAILABLE TO CORRELATE WITH THIS ACTIVITY. COLLATERAL SOURCE REPORTS NO U.S. AIRCRAFT LOSSES FOR DATE/TIME FRAME. AHXHH 450 NNNN

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